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SUBJECT: STATUS OF HELICOPTER MODIFICATION KITS

1. CSAF PERKINS REPORTED JUNE 5 THAT THREE SEP'S INDEPENDENTLY HAVE REPORTED THAT PDRY FORCES HAVE SAM-7 MISSILES NOW POSITIONED AT HAUF AND PRIMED FOR POST-MONSOON OPERATIONS. THIS MAKES IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT SAF HELICOPTER FLEET BE EQUIPPED WITH INFRARED DEFLECTOR KITS.

2. FIVE IR DEFLECTOR KITS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH AUGUSTA-BELL IN ITALY. MODIFICATIONS TO KITS EVIDENTLY DEVELOPED BY A MR. TOLFA OF BELL. SAF HAS ON ORDER TWENTY-ONE MODIFIED FLANGES (AB-205 IR KITS) FROM BELL IN FORT WORTH. PERKINS FLATLY STATED THAT IF THESE KITS DO NOT ARRIVE IN OMAN BY AUGUST 31 HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE HIS HELICOPTER FLEET NEAR BORDER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT BELL FORT WORTH TO DETERMINE STATUS OF TWENTY-ONE IR DEFLECTOR KITS. PLEASE ADVISE.

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